

121-127 South Union Street (Rowhouses)
East side of State Route #82
Borough of Kennett Square
Chester County
Pennsylvania

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121-127 SOUTH UNION STREET (ROWHOUSES)

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Location: East side of South Union Street, between (State Route 82), Borough of Kennett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

USGS Kennett Square, Pennsylvania - Delaware Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.439/120.4410/700

Significance: The block is an example of the Greek Revival architectural style implemented for townhouse construction during the mid-nineteenth century.

Description: The three, two and one-half story brick rowhouses have low pitch shed roofs, a double course brick dentil cornice, and brick chimneys. The building is composed of the left-hand unit (121-123), the center unit (125), and the right-hand unit (127). Windows are three over three double-hung sash on the top half story and six over six on the second floor. The first floors are abandoned storefronts, and doorways to the upper residential areas still exist. The building's physical condition is poor. There have been extensive alterations to the first floor exterior and the small rear additions.

History: Construction of 125-127 South Union Street is attributed to John Taylor, a mason, and James Green between 1830 and 1845. Jessie Miller attached 121-123 South Union Street after 1845. By the 1920's, as the commercial center of Kennett Square expanded, the center house had a store on the first floor. Later, the other first floor units were converted from residential to commercial use, while the upper residential areas were accessed by their own doorways. The resource has been vacant for the past six years and is now totally abandoned.

Source: Chester County Historic Preservation Office file.
Pennsylvania Historical Resource Survey Form.

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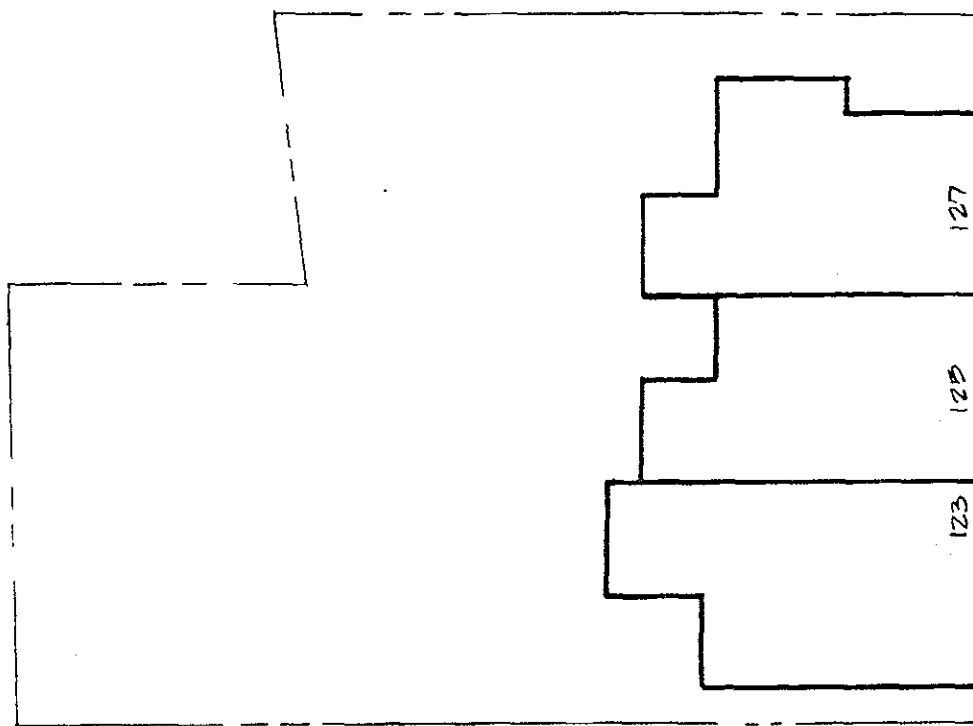
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